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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE - US RELATIONS: MILAM CASE

REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 916; (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 899;
(C) LOURENCO MARQUES 919; (D) PRETORIA 3193

1. AT AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTING LOURENCO MARQUES, CODEL STAFF MEMBER MOOSE ASKED SHARFUDIN KHAN ABOUT GPRM DECISION ON MILAM. KHAN REPLIED THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO INVESTIGATE MATTER YET.

2. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT GPRM IS DETERMINED TO IGNORE OUR EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING MILAM CASE, PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY FEEL WE ARE VIOLATING THEIR MUCH HAILED PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THEIR CLAIM THAT THEY DID NOT RECEIVE CONSUL GENERAL WALKER'S AUGUST 18 LETTER ON MILAM CASE, PARTICULARLY SINCE COPY WAS SENT TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, AND, DESPITE THEIR LEGALISTIC REFERENCES TO OUR AUGUST 12 LETTER, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THEIR LETTER DATED JUNE 15 (REF B) PROBABLY REFLECTS THEIR ANGER AT OUR MILAM

LETTER. FACT THAT BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL HAS ADDRESSED AT LEAST TWO LETTERS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AFTER INDEPENDENCE (LAST ONE ASKING FOR REPLY TO CALLAGHAN LETTER PROPOSING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS) WITHOUT ANY SIMILAR RESPONSE FROM GPRM FOREIGN MINISTRY SUGGESTS THAT THEY ARE NOT BEING TOO CONSISTENT IN THEIR OFFICIAL POSTURE TOWARD "NONEXISTENT CONSULAR
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REPRESENTATIONS" IN LOURENCO MARQUES.

UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, BELIEVE MILAM CASE HAS BECOME IRRITANT IN
MOZAMBIQUE -US RELATIONS A D, IN INTEREST OF ESTABLISHING
FORMAL RELATIONS ON RIGHT FOOT, WE SHOULD REMIND GPRM OFFICIALS
WE ARE UNWILLING TO FORGET VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MILAM
CASE. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND MILAM CASE BE BROUGHT UP AGAIN
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, EITHER WHEN
FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO PASSES THROUGH NEW YORK AFTER CON-
FERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES (REF C), OR WHEN "SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE" COMES TO MBZAMBIQUE TO SIGN JOINT COMMUNIQUE
(REF D).

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